

Filing A Claim

-Steps & Deadlines-

**File Eligibility Form
and Optional Request
for Advance Benefits**

Submit Eligibility Form with
Option for Advance Benefits.
Deadline for filing anytime up
until 2 years after regulations
issued.

**File the
Compensation
Form**

Submit Death or Personal
Injury Compensation
Form and necessary
documentation and select
“Computation of
Presumed Award” (Track
A) or
“Hearing” (Track B).

Claim Deemed Filed

When Claims Evaluator determines that
the Death or Personal Injury
Compensation Form is substantially
complete, “Claim Deemed Filed” and 120
day period for Special Master (“S.M.”)
determination begins.

Options for Claim Review

**Computation
of Presumed Award
Track A**

**Hearing
Track B**

S.M. will notify claimant of eligibility
and presumed award within 45 days of
date “Claim Deemed Filed.”

Notification

S.M. will notify claimant of
eligibility within 45 days of
date “Claim Deemed Filed.”

Eligible
claimants
may

Ineligible claimants
may appeal to the S.M.
or his designee.

Claimant has 21 days
from presumed award
to file supplemental
submissions.

Supplemental Submission

Claimant has 21 days from
eligibility notification to
file supplemental
submissions.

Accept presumed
award as final and
request payment.

Request review before
the S.M. or his designee.

Proceed to Hearing.

**Final Determination
by Special Master**
within 120 Days of
“Claim Deemed Filed”